

App. Ser. No. 10/521,397
Amendment dated Mar. 13, 2007
Reply to Office action of Nov. 13, 2006

Docket No. AB-1408 US
Ref. No. (OPP 043108 US)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment and the following remarks are in reply to the non-final Office action of 11/13/2006. In light of this reply, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Seventeen claims were pending in this application. In the above amendment, 4 claims (1, 8, 10 and 14) were amended, 3 new claims (18-20) were added, and none was cancelled. Accordingly, 20 claims (1-20) are now pending for reconsideration and further examination.

In section 1 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive and required a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Responsively, the Applicant has amended the title of the invention herein to a title that is clearly indicative of the invention.

In section 2, claim 10 was objected to because the phrase, "facing the first insulating substrate" appears alone, and seemed to refer to the phrases thereafter.

Responsively, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to clarify that the subject phrase refers to a "second insulating substrate."

In section 4, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Song et al. (US 6,710,837).

In light of the above amendments to independent claim 1 and the remarks that follow, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot.

In particular, amended claim 1 now includes the following distinguishing limitations, the pixel electrode has a chamfered edge, and at least one of the first and second domain partitioning members has at least one oblique portion and at least one branch extending from the oblique portion. (Emphasis added.)

A review of the Song ('837) reference reveals that it does not teach or suggest the above limitations, and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as well as the claims respectively dependent from it, are patentable over Song et al. ('837).

In section 14 of the Office action, claims 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishikawa et al. (US 7,119,870).

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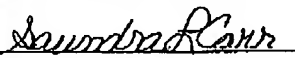
In light of the above amendment to independent claim 10 and the remarks that follow, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot.

Independent claim 10 now includes the following distinguishing limitations,
the pixel electrode has a chamfered edge, and
at least one of the first and second cutout patterns has at least one oblique portion and at least one branch extending from the oblique portion. (Emphasis added.)

A review of the Nishikawa (870) reference reveals that it does not teach or suggest the above limitations, and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10, as well as the claims respectively dependent from it, are patentable over Nishikawa et al. ('870).

In light of the above reply, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are now allowable over the art of record, and accordingly respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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